Cooperative Labour Contract Society Liimted, were making short payment Vto labourers;

(b) if so, how much amount of short. payment was detected;

(c) whether amount of short payment has been paid to the workers and recovered from the Society;

(d) whether payment to workers was made in presence of representative of the Society and Society's consent was obtained in writing for recovering the amount from their running bills and security deposit; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the Society wrote two letters for making the recovery of short payment from their bills in instalments of Rs. 10, 000 per month and also made allegations against Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) Kanpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Total of Rs. 1, 48, 233. 00, comprising of one case of Rs. 39, 064. 00 and another case of Rs. 1, 09, 169. 00.

(c) Payments amounting to Rs. 29, 886. 00 in the first case and Rs. 1, 08, 269. 00 in the second case were made. However, further payments have been stopped as a result of interim order of the Allahabad High Court.

(d) Consent of the Society for recovery of such amounts paid to the labourers by the principal employer is not required under Section 21(4) of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970. However, the Society was advised of the payments being made to the labourers at the instance of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Kanpur. The Society's representative. was also present during the payment made in the first case.

(e) The Society had requested that the amount of Rs. 39, 064. 00 be deducted in instalments of Rs. 10, 000. However, in respect *ot* the second amount, viz., Rs. 1, 09, 169, no such request nor allegation against Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Kanpur, was received from the Society.

Ash pit and cinder picking contract at Aligarh Loco Shed

2341. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for inviting limited tenders for cleaning of ash pit and cinder picking work etc. at Aligarh Loco Shed, when M/s. Railway Parcels & Goods Porters' Cooperative Labour Contract Society Ltd., were working satisfactorily;

(b) whether there were reports against the Society for making short payment to workers in collusion with Shed Assistant, Aligarh Loco Shed;

(c) if so, whether any enquiry was conducted and action taken againsit the defaulting Society; and

(d) what are the reasons for not acceding to the request of M/s. Parcels Handling Sahkari Shram Sam-vida Samiti Ltd., Aligarh, for allotment of above contract~By negotiations in accordance with directives and circulars issued by Railway Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Contract for Coal Handling, Cinder Picking and Ash Handling work to M/s. Railway Cycle Stand Karma-chari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd. At Allahabad Loco Shed

2342. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Wl the Minister of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Railway Cycle Stand Karmachari Shram Samvida